SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, on the pretext of common script for all Indian languages towards national integration was a decision taken to adopt Devanagari script in the Chief Ministers' Conference? If so, what is the attitude of our Government towards that kind of decision? What are the steps taken by the Government to avert that kind of language debacle?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No decision was taken that Devanagari should be the common script for all languages in India. A point of view was expressed and that point of view found a place in the communique issued with regard to the conference of the Chief Ministers. But even with reference to that point of view, we have made it clear to the Government of India that there is no question of adopting Devanagari script for any of the purposes for which we are using our own script in the Tamil language.

Dispensaries

* 2413 *Q.*—SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) which are the dispensaries upgraded into hospitals so far in 1961 in Tirunelveli district; and

(*b*) which are proposed to be upgraded before 31st March 1962?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) The Local Fund Dispensaries at Ottapidaran, Sattankulam and Melakudiyiruppi have been transferred to Government management with effect from 13–4–1961 and they have been ordered to be styled as Government Hospitals.

(*b*) None, Sir.

SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Sir, on what basis these dispensaries have been handed over to Government? Is it not a fact that some other dispensaries were also recommended to be taken over by the Government just like Kayalpatnam, Kadayanallur, etc.?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Government cannot take the responsibility all at once of all the local fund dispensaries. As and when necessary and funds are available, these institutions will be progressively taken over.

Breaches (Srivaikuntam anicut)

* 2414 *Q.*—SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state the arrangements made for the strengthening of the southern bank of the Tambarabarni below Srivaikuntam anicut for preventing breaches?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : An estimate for Rs. 1,080 for strengthening the southern bank of Tambarabarni river at 13/7 to 14/0 has been sanctioned and the work completed. Another estimate for Rs. 9,700 to improve the bank with proper revetment